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Dear Parents,

On Wednesday the Church celebrated St Ignatius Loyola. Loyola says that pride, riches and power are the three most seductive and destructive temptations in the world. So many conflicts, and their continuance, can be traced to the interplay of this unholy trinity. The so-called reality TV show, Big Brother and its many imitators demonstrate just how far some people will go to be famous, to be wealthy or to have a certain clout in the popular imagination. In Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells us just how deadly riches and greed can be. Our own experience tells how right He is: think of how many young children fight because everything they see is 'mine'; the families who have fought over an estate; the number of friends who have fallen out over even small amounts of money; colleagues who no longer speak to each other because of a failed investment; and nations who have gone to war to get what their neighbours have.

Here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer there is a strong focus on Social Justice – we have Social Justice Captains, and the school invites representatives from Caritas to speak with the children on ways in which we can reach out and help those in need.

GARDEN

On Monday morning a band of parents arrived at the school to construct the raised garden beds. The result was a fantastic tribute to the willingness of parents to be actively involved and positively helping the school. THANKS to all involved. (see a full report further in the Newsletter)

STUDY TOUR

I returned home last Thursday after spending some time in England. Along with fellow Principals from the South-East zone we were based at the National College for School Leadership in Nottingham. We visited a number of schools and met a number of school leaders to hear about what schools are striving to achieve. I was interested to see the value that schools placed on the sense of community and parental involvement. It seemed to me that here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer we are doing many things well in that regard.

And yes, I was spotted on TV at the cricket on the last day of the first Test ... the day before our study commenced!

EDUCATION BOARD

Our Education Board meet tonight at 7:30pm. As well as the Principal's report the Board will be looking at a proposal of a Canberra trip for our 5/6 students next year.

CONFIRMATION

Our Year 6 children are preparing for Confirmation that will be administered on Friday 16th August at 7pm. As part of their preparation, the children will participate in a Confirmation Reflection day on Wednesday 7th August. On Thursday evening, 8th August, there will be a Confirmation Family Night commencing at 7pm in the Hall. On Friday 9th August the children will be visited by our Regional Bishop, Bishop Elliot.

CHESS CLUB

Our Chess club is up and running on Monday at lunchtime. Children participating are reminded to bring \$5 per session. The club will continue to run on Mondays during this term.

WORKING BEE

Our second working bee will be held on August 2nd from 3.45 – 5.30. We plan to weed the Reflective Garden, shovel more tanbark onto the playground on the oval (not as much as last time!!!) and continue to work on beds ready for the children to commence planting.

If there are enough helpers, there a couple of seats in the asphalt area which need sanding and repainting.

There are a number of jobs on our working bee list, two of which require a belt sander. If anyone is able to bring/loan a belt sander for Friday's working bee, we would be most grateful and would reimburse the cost of the sanding belts.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Earlier this term the 5/6 level were introduced to the new tablets. The Iconia tablet has the functionality of a laptop and of an iPad using windows 8 operating system.

CONCERT UPDATE

Dance lessons are well underway for our Concert, **Magic at the Museum**. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help in some way with costuming. In weeks 3 and 4, class teachers will contact you as to the need of their class item.

Next week we will be sending home order forms for tickets. At this stage parents will be able to order tickets for their immediate family (parents and siblings not attending COHR). Extra tickets will be allocated according to how many are available after the first round of ticketing. Please note we will not be designating seats this year.

There is a possibility of a dress rehearsal in the final week of term which may enable some family members to attend if this is not possible on the night of the 19th September.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Casale family (Talia 1/2G) on the arrival of their baby daughter Nicole Rose.

CYBER SAFETY

This term we will be running an important program for the children, staff and parents relating to Cyber safety. ACMA (Australian Communications & Media Association) are coming to work with Year 3 – 6 students (afternoon), Staff (after school staff meeting) and Parents (early evening at 6.30pm) on Monday 26th August. This is a VERY informative session looking at online behaviours for us as educators as well as family. Each session runs for about 1 – 1 1/2 hrs. Please save the date.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The second instalment of the EMA payment is due to be paid mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the direct deposit or pay direct to school payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August/early September.

Parents/guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second EMA payment.

Parents/guardians who children have transferred to this school since 28th February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on **2nd August 2013**.

Applications forms are available from the school office.

BOOK FAIR

THANK YOU, What a HUGE success! 2012 has been our best Book Fair, with a very generous commission being given to us from Carnival Books.

Thank you to ALL who visited and purchased from our 2012 Carnival Book Fair. Congratulations to all children who completed wish-lists, discussed these at home and then placed orders for their chosen books. This enabled the Book Fair to run smoothly and allowed everyone to enjoy viewing the books on display. Most back-orders have been received and were given out on Wednesday and we are hopeful that the remaining back-orders should be here by next week. Overall our outstanding Carnival Book Fair will enable COHR Library to receive about 80 free books from commission. If you have any queries or suggestions please email me. THANK YOU!

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TERM THREE DATES

August

Thursday 1 st	Education Board
Friday 2 nd	Working Bee
Wednesday 7 th	Confirmation Reflection Day
Thursday 8 th	Confirmation Family Night
Thursday 15 th	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Friday 16 th	Confirmation
Wednesday 28 th	Parents Association Meeting

September

Friday 6 th	School closure day
Tuesday 10 th	Inter School Athletics Carnival
Thursday 12 th	Education Board meeting
Thursday 19 th	Concert
Friday 20 th	Term ends

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are looking for donations for our Father's Day raffle. We would greatly appreciate any chocolate or biscuit packs. Please place your donations in the foyer. Thank you in advance.

HOME TASK CLUB is off to a flying start this term. We are learning to organise our time to complete our Home Task Grid. Home Task Club is open to anyone in years 3-6 that wants a little extra assistance with completing the tasks. It runs from 8.15 – 8.35am on a Wednesday morning in 5/6CS.



FOOTY DISTRICT FINALS

On Friday 26th July, 22 5/6 boys walked to Princes Highway reserve to play against four other schools. In a true reflection of the compassion and friendship shown at COHR the boys decided to they would honour their teammate, Luca, and teacher, Miss Pradel, in wearing black armbands. The many parents who were there were very impressed. The boys had a lot to play for and their endeavour on the field truly exemplified that spirit.

The boys got the day off to a slow start but after that they won the next two matches against St Justin's and Holy Family. In the final match they put up a huge fight against Mount View Primary, who had been winning their games comfortably, to only go down by four goals in a determined effort. Congratulations to all the boys for their performance and behaviour throughout the day.

A special thanks must go to the all the parents who gave their time throughout all the Interschool sports days to support the teachers and their children, especially that of Peter Fisher and Trevor Stow.

The scores for the day were:

COHR 3 goals 3 behinds	v St Justin's 1 goal 5 behinds
COHR 5 goals 3 behinds	v Holy Family 4 goals 4 behinds
COHR 0 goals 1 behind	v Mt View 5 goals 2 behinds
COHR 2 goals 1 behind	v Holy Saviour 6 goals 4 behinds

CONGRATULATIONS LACHIE

Congratulations to Lachie Stewart who achieved two personal best scores and won a bronze medal at the National Trampoline Competition in Sydney during the recent school holidays.



With Best Wishes

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

Pentecost and Confirmation

In 5/6K we have been learning to write thoughtful responses to text. When reading information about Pentecost and Confirmation we came up with these questions and comments.



Jesus asked God to send the Holy Spirit forever. (Ned)

The Apostles became brave enough to tell everyone about the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. (Holly)

In the sacrament of Confirmation we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit. (Elle)

They were frightened because their friend and teacher, Jesus, had abandoned them. (Hayden)

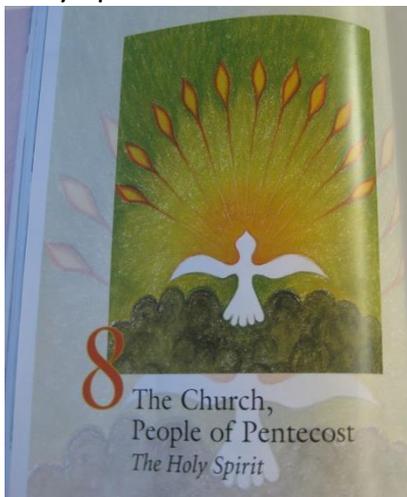
Pentecost is the birthday of the church. (Gemma)

The Holy Spirit unites the Christian community in liturgy and prayer. (Zach)

Why did God send the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire? (Thomas)



The Holy Spirit continued to strengthen and guide the Apostles. (Jenine)



New Testament and Old Testament stories are read to the people and explained in the homily. (Stacy)

Most disciples were scared and frightened without their leader, Jesus. (Robert)

Why did Jesus leave his disciples? (Josh)

Did Jesus or God send the Holy Spirit? (Lochie)

Why did the Holy Spirit unite people? (Bala)

In the sacrament of Confirmation we are strengthened with the Holy

Spirit to become more active members of the church. (Amelia)

The sacred scripture and sacred tradition is spoken by God. (Bui)

The Disciples were courageous enough to conquer their fears about being judged about believing that

Jesus would rise from the dead. (Bridgette)

OUR VEGETABLE GARDEN BUILDERS

